



VILLAGE OF MAPLE BLUFF

neighborhood news

April 2025



Calendar of Events

April 2025

- 8 Building Board
- 8 Village Board
- 15 Plan Commission / Public Hearing
- 17 Municipal Court
- 29 Building Board Submission Deadline

May 2025

- 13 Building Board
- 13 Village Board / Board of Review
- 14 Fire / EMS Committee
- 15 Municipal Court
- 26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- 27 Building Board Submission Deadline

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Trash/Recycling

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Friends of Lakeview Library Donation Drive & Book Sale



Donation Drive:
Thurs Apr 24-Fri Apr 25
Book Sale: Sat, Apr 26

The Friends of Lakeview Library will be accepting donations of books, DVDs, CDs, and vinyl on Thursday, April 24, and Friday, April 25, only. The book sale will follow on Saturday, April 26, 9am-4pm, with a bag sale 2:15-4pm.

All proceeds benefit library programming. Thank you for supporting the library!



Spring Transitions & Exciting Updates in Maple Bluff *By Tanner A. Nystrom*

Spring is a time of renewal and change, and nowhere is that more apparent than here at Village Hall. Over the past month our team has been working tirelessly to keep services running smoothly while navigating staff transitions, hiring processes, and an ever-growing list of resident needs. We appreciate the patience and support of our community as we move through this period of change, and we are pleased to share several exciting updates.

One of the most significant developments is the continued strengthening of our Police Department. This month, we officially welcome Officer Elijah Trulley, who joins us as our newest full-time officer. Elijah brings with him over six years of law enforcement experience from the Beloit Police Department, where he served as both a Detective and SWAT Team Member. His expertise in investigations and high-level tactical operations will be an incredible asset to our team, and we are excited for him to contribute to the safety and security of our Village. If you see Officer Trulley around the Bluff, please take a moment to introduce yourself and help welcome him to our community.

Director, and Deputy Clerk & Deputy Treasurer. Hiring for key leadership and administrative roles is always an extensive process, and we are fortunate to have identified strong candidates who will soon be joining our team. While onboarding will take time, this marks an important step in stabilizing operations, particularly in our front office. We look forward to formally introducing them to the community in the coming months.

As we approach the warmer months, we know that residents are eager for information regarding marina access, summer programming, and Village events. While we are still finalizing details, we encourage residents to direct their inquiries to the appropriate team members to ensure prompt assistance. For all marina-related questions, please contact Rachel Danz at rdanz@villageofmaplebluff.com. For inquiries about summer programming, events, and recreational activities, please contact Natalie Scheer at nscheer@villageofmaplebluff.com. Both Rachel and Natalie have been working hard to ensure that our seasonal offerings are well-organized and enjoyable, and we are grateful for their dedication during this transition period.



We have also been actively working to fill other vacancies, ensuring that our team remains well-equipped to meet resident needs. We are pleased to announce that we have extended conditional offers for three critical positions: Assistant Fire Chief, Municipal Services & Recreation



Finally, we encourage all residents to attend the upcoming Plan Commission Meeting and Public Hearing on April 15 at 5:00 PM at the Village Center. This meeting will provide important updates on our Zoning Code rewrite and resident input is always valued as we consider the long-term vision for Maple Bluff. Meeting details and materials are available on the Village website.

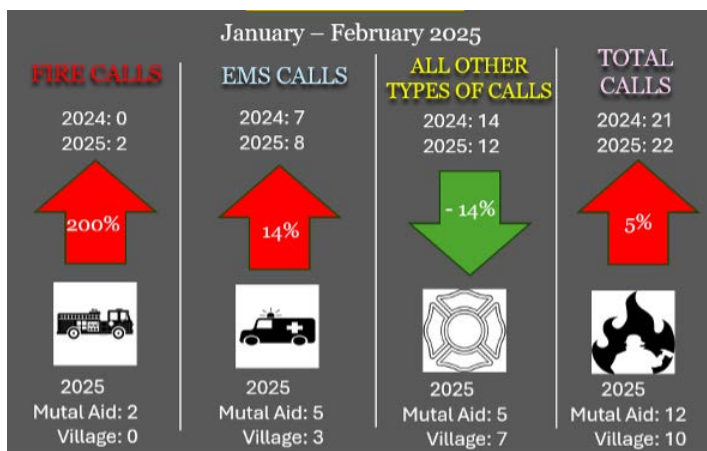
In closing, I want to once again thank our residents for their patience and understanding as we continue to navigate staff transitions and organizational changes. This has been a challenging but exciting time for the Village, and we are grateful for a community that remains engaged, supportive, and invested in the well-being of Maple Bluff. We look forward to a busy and productive spring and summer ahead!

Sincerely,
Tanner A. Nystrom



Maple Bluff Fire Rescue

By the Numbers



Fire Department News

Several members attended the Madison Area Technical College Internship Fair in March to recruit new fire department interns and paid-on-call members. Around 40 students stopped by our table to learn more about Maple Bluff Fire Rescue from our current members.

Community members interested in joining the fire department are encouraged to visit the station and explore this invaluable opportunity.

If you have any questions about emergency preparedness, please contact the Maple Bluff Fire Rescue Department at (608) 244-3048.



April Brings Severe Weather – Are You Prepared?

April marks the transition into spring, bringing unpredictable weather, including thunderstorms, high winds, tornadoes, and wildfires. In Wisconsin, Severe Weather Awareness Week runs from April 7 to 11, with a statewide tornado drill scheduled for April 10 at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. This is an ideal time for families and businesses to review and practice their tornado safety plans.

While preparing for severe weather, it is crucial to include fire safety in your emergency planning. Here's how to protect your home and family from fire risks and extreme weather events.

1. Create an Emergency Plan

- Identify safe areas in your home for sheltering during tornadoes and severe storms.
- Assemble an emergency kit with essentials such as a flashlight, batteries, first aid supplies, non-perishable food, and water.
- Practice fire drills and evacuation routes to ensure all household members know what to do in an emergency.

2. Reduce Fire Risks from Severe Weather

- **Lightning Safety:** Unplug electronics during storms and install surge protectors to prevent electrical fires.
- **Wildfire Preparedness:** Clear dry leaves and debris around your home and maintain a defensible space to reduce fire hazards.
- **Power Outages and generators:** To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, use generators safely—never indoors or near windows.

3. Protect Your Home from Fire and Storm Damage

- Secure outdoor furniture and remove flammable materials from porches.
- Trim tree branches that could fall on power lines or your home.
- Check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they function correctly.

4. Stay Informed

- Sign up for local emergency alerts.
- Keep a weather radio handy in case of power outages.
- Follow guidance from trusted resources:
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA): www.nfpa.org
 - FEMA: www.ready.gov
 - National Weather Service (NWS): weather.gov
 - Ready Wisconsin: readywisconsin.wi.gov

By taking proactive steps now, you can minimize risks from fire and severe weather events. *Stay safe, stay prepared!*

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Department of Public Works

By Tom Schroeder

Dear Village Residents,

Our winter season has come to an end, always grudgingly it seems. A very light winter with little to no impactful snow events, plenty of wind at times. The Boys State Basketball tournament must be near because we do have some weather to blow through as I pen this piece for the Newsletter.

We have provided messages regarding the water meter head replacement that started last year and will continue to its village wide completion. With the component change out as the old heads are losing their battery power, we are transitioning to a cloud-based reading system that also requires new software. The Administration Office as well as the DPW are pushing boulders up hill. We need your cooperation for scheduling the upgrade, thank you!

As spring starts to bloom, please place yard waste in like groupings at the edge of road ON the terrace for collection. Keeping yard waste out of the street keeps it from flowing into the storm system that leads directly to the lake as a pollutant. We collect every week, so materials are not laying on the grass very long, and it's the right thing to do.

Arbor Day is coming up on Friday April 25th, we usually have a celebration the next day that is a Saturday or a week later a Saturday. Look for messaging near the Beach Park for the date selected. Paul and Barbara Noeldner will have their amazing interactive display that is great fun and educational for youngsters and those that are young at heart. There will also be a tree planting demonstration in the park as well, this too is an interactive opportunity for all ages to take place in.

We will plant fewer trees this year as we aim to focus on maintenance of young trees in the right-of-way and in the parks. Number one on our agenda will be to address co-dominant limbs and training pruning for the trees that are in a 3-10-year age group. We have been using an orchard ladder that is tall and can get closer than a conventional ladder. We have been and will continue to trim and or remove trees that are displaying hazardous attributes.

We know that we cannot please all the people all the time... but we still try our best to find a solution. Thinking Spring!



Parks & Recreation

By: Natalie Scheer, Programming and Event Support Specialist

Renewals

The Village activated the 2025 pet licensing, key fob renewal, and marina renewals on January 2, 2025. Pet licensing and key fob renewals should be completed online through the Village's RecDesk Software.

Due to the County fees increasing, the Village's pet license fees will see an increase in 2025. This information will be available on the RecDesk software.



Open Gym

Use of the gym is available through the key fob program or by exclusive rental. Please adhere to the below rules during your use:

- Key fob users may bring up to 3 guests per use. Users with more than 3 guests may rent the gym online up to 24-hours in advance.
- Disposal of dirty diapers is prohibited.
- Respect others and be courteous. If the gym is full, users may play games together or half court games. Limit half court games to one hour.
- **Food, drinks, and gum are not allowed in the gym.**
- Street shoes are not allowed in the gym. Please bring a change of shoes when using the gym.
- Dunking or hanging on basketball rims is prohibited.
- Users under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No using foul/obscene language.
- No lowering of Basketball hoops without written consent of Recreation Department.
- Put all equipment away and notify Village staff of any problems or broken equipment.
- Failure to abide by the gym rules may result in additional fees and/or revocation of key fob privileges.

Hours: The gym is available 7-days a week from 8am - 9pm. Please check the Village's Parks and Recreation calendar for availability.

The gym offers exclusive Toddler Open Gym Monday - Friday from 8:00am - 11:00am, unless schools are cancelled or scheduled off.

The gym will also offer exclusive Pickleball Hours from 11:00am - 1:00pm Monday - Friday, unless no school. The Village gym has pickleball lines and a portable net. Users are suggested to bring their own paddles and balls.



Music Together: Spring Session

Dates: April 8 - June 3

Time: 9:00-9:45, 10:00-10:45 & 3:30p-4:15p

Fee: \$180.00

Location: Dailey Cabin

Instructor: Susan Cramer

Each Music Together class is an active music making experience designed to teach the way young children learn through play with the ones they love! In this mixed-age class, each child participates at their own level through singing, moving, chanting, listening, watching, and exploring musical instruments. Classes provide a variety of adult-child activities that are engaging and developmentally appropriate and offer new ways to play musically at home. For more information visit: musictogetherwithsusan.com

Parks & Recreation (continued)

By: Natalie Scheer, Programming and Event Support Specialist



2025 Summer Programs

Camp-Ya-Gotta-Wanna

Early Registration ends 4/30/25

Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursdays

Dates: June 17 - August 7

Time: 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$520 Early Registration or \$570 Regular

Location: Firemen's Park

Instructor: CYGW Director & Counselors

Ages: 3 - 7 *Child needs to be potty trained

Enrollment for this program is open to all Maple Bluff resident children between the ages of 3 and 7 (entering 2nd grade in fall of 2025). This afternoon playgroup program will offer structured and free play opportunities, as well as arts and craft projects. Groupings will be divided based on age of the children and the parent volunteers will try their best to group your child with their friends. Parents will need to provide cell phone numbers at the time of registration. Please be sure to verify you have the correct phone number listed on your account.

Arts/Athletics

Early Registration ends 4/30/25

Days: Monday - Friday

Dates: June 16 - August 15

Time: 2:15pm - 4:15pm

Fee: \$365 Early Registration or \$415 Regular

Location: Beach Park

Instructor: Lifeguard Team

Ages: 7 - 12

The Village's A/A program is available to residents between the ages of 7 - 12 (entering 2nd through 6th grade) and will provide a fun, safe environment at Maple Bluff Beach Park. Throughout the summer participants will participate in arts, crafts, games, sports and other exciting activities.

Seasonal Employment 2025

Beach Lifeguards

Qualifications:

- Current Lifeguard Training Certificate (Red Cross or equivalent)
- Current Standard First Aid Certificate and AED (Red Cross or equivalent)
- Current CPR Certificate (Red Cross or American Heart Association)
- State Law requires lifeguards working at a natural body of water to be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Description:

The Village of Maple Bluff is seeking multiple qualified candidates to fill open positions as a lifeguard at Beach Park. Interested candidates should be self-motivators, independent workers, energetic, compassionate, and have previous experience working with youth. For a complete job description, visit the Village's website.

Pay: \$17.00 - 19.00/hr., depending on experience

Upcoming Summer Events

Volunteers are needed for each of these events. The link to sign up for volunteering is on the Village of Maple Bluff Website under the Parks and Recreation tab.

Bocce - 6/6/25

Village Graduation Party - 6/8/25

Father's Day Parade - 6/15/25

Fest on the Fourth - 7/4/25

Summer Concerts - Monday Nights

- 6/23/25

- 6/30/25

- 7/7/25

- 7/14/25

- 7/21/25

- 7/28/25

- 8/4/25



Water Meter Transition

As you may know, our Public Works Department is working diligently to upgrade the meters in over 500 homes in our community. Given our small team and the administrative burden of the existing meters, we are looking to expedite installations with resident support to ensure a more efficient process. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we proceed with this important project.

Why Are We Replacing Water Meters?

- The new meters improve accuracy, reliability, and efficiency in water usage tracking.
- They eliminate the need for manual readings, reducing administrative time and costs.
- They enhance leak detection, helping residents monitor water usage more effectively.
- The DNR requires the replacement of meters within 20 years of installation.
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Addressing Concerns About RF Signals

Some residents have expressed concerns about radiofrequency (RF) emissions from the new meters. Please know:

- The RF exposure from these meters is extremely low—far lower than that of common household devices like Wi-Fi routers, cell phones, and baby monitors.
- The meters transmit data for only a few seconds per day, meaning exposure is minimal.
- The National Cancer Institute and CDC have conducted extensive studies on RF exposure, and there is no conclusive evidence linking low-level RF emissions to health risks.
- For further details, we encourage you to review the linked fact sheets from the National Cancer Institute and CDC:



<https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/radiation/cell-phones-fact-sheet>

<https://www.cdc.gov/radiation-health/data-research/facts-stats/cell-phones.html#:~:text=Do%20cell%20phones%20give%20off,an%20agent%20that%20causes%20cancer>

You Can Help Us!

Our Public Works team will be contacting residents directly to schedule meter replacements as their schedules permit. *When ready, a member of our Public Works team will send you an email with instructions on how to set up an appointment in Calendly. This is a large project, so please be aware that it may be some time before our team is ready to install in your home, but when they do, we sincerely appreciate your quick attention to setting up an appointment.*

We understand that scheduling an installation can be an inconvenience, but your assistance will help keep this project on track. The installation process is quick, safe, and minimally disruptive—they take approximately 30 minutes and require brief indoor access.

Thank you for your support in helping us modernize our infrastructure and improve service for all residents.



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